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Winter

(December 21 – March 19, 2005)

Edwards' Basewide Holiday Party

Presented annually by the 95th Services Division and held at the Oasis Community Center. All of the Edwards community is invited to celebrate the holiday season with entertainment, free food and beverages, crafts and coloring contests. This event is held in December.

Holiday Cookie Drive

Sponsored by the Family Support Center near the Holidays, several hundred cookies are baked in the homes of Team Edwards members from across the base. The cookies are packaged and given to Airmen living in the dorms.

Truckload of Toys

Sponsored by the Family Support Center. Each year the communities surrounding the base donate a truckload of toys to be given to children living at Edwards. This event is usually held in December.

Job Fair

Sponsored by the Family Support Center. At this biannual event employers accept applications and resumés from the Edwards community. This event is usually held in January.



Spring

(March 20 – June 20, 2005)

Miss Edwards Pageant

Sponsored by the 95th Services Division and held at the Stripes Lounge. Categories include Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss. This event is typically held in March.

Annual Workforce Awards Banquet

Honoring the outstanding Air Force Flight Test Center officer, enlisted and civilian award winners. Traditionally held in March or April.

Month of the Edwards' Child

During April, various events and activities are held to honor all Edwards' children.

Travel Fair

Sponsored by Information, Tickets & Travel and held at the Oasis Community Center in April. Representatives will be available to provide information on hotels, resorts, airlines, cruises, tour companies and more.

Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Sponsored by the Family Support Center. This annual event pays tribute to the numerous volunteers at Edwards and is usually held in April.

Edwards' Sports Day

Sponsored by the 95th Services Division, Sports Day aims to enhance morale and provide all of Team Edwards an opportunity to engage in sports and other physical activities. Squadrons and organizations compete in a number of events, including softball, volleyball, horseshoes and track and field. Sports Day is typically held in May.

"Concerts in the Park"

Series begins in May for the summer season. Held monthly at Andrews Park, the entire base community is invited to bring picnic dinners, lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy an evening of music performed by live bands. The free concerts are sponsored by the 95th Services Division.

Talent Extravaganza

Sponsored by the 95th Services Division and held at Stripes Lounge. Local winners go on to the Air Force level competition. This event is usually held in May.



The 2003 Edwards Open House and Airshow. Photo by Thomas Powell



The 412th Test Wing's 2003 annual Turkey Day Luncheon. Photo by Robert Monroe

Summer

(June 21 – September 21, 2005)

Summer Bash

Sponsored by the 95th Services Division, this is an Air Force Materiel Command program celebrated at Edwards every July 4 at Wings Field near Arnold Park. Activities include entertainment, free carnival rides, family games, bouncy castles, sports competitions and a fireworks display to celebrate Independence Day.

Photography Contest

Sponsored by the Skills Development Center and usually held in July.

Autumn

(September 22 – December 20, 2005)

Fall Festival

Presented by the 95th Services Division during September, the festival celebrates the autumn holidays with costumes, dance contests, live entertainment, games and free carnival rides.

Pancho Barnes Party

Sponsored by the Company Grade Officer's Council, in honor of the memory of Pancho Barnes, record-setting aviator and local legend. The party is held at the ruins of her ranch, the "Happy Bottom Riding Club"—a desolate location made lively by efforts to bring barbecue and live music together under a desert night sky. The event benefits the Flight Test Historical Foundation, which strives to preserve the history of flight test at Edwards. This event is typically held in September.

Travel Fair

Sponsored by Information, Tickets & Travel and held at the Oasis Community Center. Representatives will be available to provide information on hotels, resorts, airlines, cruises, tour companies and more. This is usually held in September.

Make a Difference Day

Sponsored by the Family Support Center. Volunteers basewide gather to help spruce up Edwards. It is usually held on a weekend day in October.

Open House and Air Show

A basewide effort, including NASA Dryden and other base associates, to present to the general public the men, women, technology and aircraft systems that comprise the aerospace frontier at Edwards. The Air Force Flight Test Center demonstrates its mission through static and aerial displays of nearly every aircraft in the Air Force inventory. This event is typically held in October.

412th Test Wing Turkey Day

Held the Friday before Thanksgiving for test wing personnel to kick off the holiday season.

Car Show & Craft Fair

Sponsored by the Skills Development Center. This annual event features both classic and special feature cars, trucks and motorcycles as well as vendors with crafts and home items. It is usually held in November.



NASA photo

NASA Dryden facilities.



Photo by John Wilson

Aircraft and exhibit displays at the Air Force Flight Test Center Museum.



Photo by Thomas Powell



Toby Keith visited Edwards to film his award-winning music video "American Soldier" in hangar 1600. Photo by Thomas Powell



The space shuttle Endeavor lands at Edwards AFB. NASA Photo



1st Lt. Joni Grunewald (left) and Senior Airman Michelle Brown sing during a special performance by the Air Force's Tops In Blue. U.S. Air Force Photo

ATTRACTIONS

Air Force Flight Test Center Museum

405 S. Rosamond Blvd.
(661) 277-8050

The museum features exhibits, displays and videos depicting the history of Edwards and the Air Force Flight Test Center, including aircraft static displays, models, biographies and aviation paraphernalia. The museum also has a gift shop with T-shirts, aviation books and souvenirs. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Flightline Tour

Public Affairs Office
1 S. Rosamond Blvd.
(661) 277-3517

The current policy is to allow flightline tours to large pre-existing groups of 15 people or more. Reservations for this one-hour windshield tour is required and should be made at least two weeks in advance. Tours begin at the Air Force Flight Test Center Museum. They include an introductory presentation and an orientation video.

NASA Dryden Tour

Visitor's Center
Lilly Drive, Bldg. 4825
(661) 276-3449/5247

NASA Dryden offers a 90-minute walking tour of its facilities, resources and aircraft. Tours are given by reservation only. Call for more information and tour availability.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Motion Picture Support

Edwards' proximity to the filmmakers and studios of Hollywood make it a frequent choice of directors and production agencies for on-scene motion picture, television and music video filming. Edwards supports several major motion picture events each year, which often result in free screenings for the base population.

Space Shuttle Landings

Edwards continues to be an alternate emergency-landing site for space shuttle flights and, with its large dry lakebed, will be a contingency site on all orbital missions during the entire life of the space program. The decision to land at Edwards is made 90 minutes prior to estimated landing time.

Tops in Blue

The Air Force's traveling variety show dazzles the Edwards community with lively dance, song and humor with tones of nostalgia, patriotism and service.

DINING

Anthony's Pizza

Base Exchange Food Court
240 W. FitzGerald Blvd.
(661) 258-4034
Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
*Offers a variety of pizzas.

Base Operations Snack Bar

235 S. Flightline Rd.
(661) 258-5696
Daily, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.
*Offers grill and sandwich items for breakfast and lunch.

Baskin Robbins

Base Exchange Food Court
240 FitzGerald Blvd.
(661) 258-1078, extension 256
Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
*Offers ice cream desserts, frozen beverages and special-occasion ice cream cakes.

Burger King

240 W. FitzGerald Blvd.
(661) 258-5987
Monday through Friday, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
*Offers breakfast, lunch and dinner fast-food items.

Cactus Café

Corner of Wolfe Ave. and FitzGerald Blvd.
(661) 275-CAFE
Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
*Offers a breakfast menu and daily lunch specials, grill items and sandwiches.



Club Muroc

275 Manzanita Way
(661) 275-CLUB

Lunch: Monday through Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.,
Dinner: Monday through Thursday, 5:30-8 p.m.,
Friday and Saturday, 5:30-9 p.m.
*Club Muroc is a consolidated club with an officers' lounge and an enlisted lounge, Pancho's and Fogleman's respectively, a dining room, ballroom and poolside lanais. Banquet and catering services are available and reservations may be made by calling or visiting the catering office. Social hour is offered at the club on Wednesday and Friday evenings. A check-cashing service is available to club members Monday through Friday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Membership information is available at the club office or by calling 275-PLUS.

Joshua Tree Inn Dining Facility

130 W. Popson Ave.
(661) 275-TREE

Breakfast: Monday through Friday, 5:30-7:45 a.m., Saturday and Sunday, 6-9 a.m.
Lunch: Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Dinner: Monday through Friday, 4-7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 4-7 p.m.
Midnight meal: Monday through Sunday, 11 p.m.-1 a.m.
In-Flight Kitchen: 24 hours daily (661) 275-3776
Family Nights: Each Wednesday and Sunday, 4-7 p.m., family members of enlisted personnel in the pay grade of E-1 through E-4 are exempt from paying the surcharge.
*Back-to-back winners of the AFMC Gold Plate award for 2002 and 2003, and winner of the 2002 Air Force Hennessy award, the Joshua Tree Inn dining facility provides full food service to all military personnel and authorized guests. Enlisted personnel and officers receiving Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) will be assessed the proportional surcharge, based on the subtotal of entrees selected. Low calorie/healthy choice entrees are offered during all meal periods.





Mary's Place

300 E. Yeager Blvd.

(661) 258-5215

Monday through Friday, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

*Offers a breakfast menu and daily lunch specials, grill items and sandwiches.

NASA Dryden Cafeteria

(Located adjacent to the NASA Visitor's Center)

Lilly Drive, Bldg. 4825

(661) 276-3270

Monday through Friday, 6 a.m.-2 p.m.

*Offers breakfast and lunch menus, salads, sandwiches and pizza.

Oasis Pizza & Deli

(Located in the Oasis Community Center)

205 W. Popson Ave.

(661) 275-DELI

Lunch: Monday through Friday,
10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Dinner: Monday through Thursday, 4 - 9
p.m., Friday and Saturday, 4 - 10 p.m.,
Sunday, 4 - 8 p.m.

*Offers deli-style sandwiches, pizza,
salads, barbecued ribs and daily
lunch specials.

Pizza Hut Express

1100 Kincheloe Ave.

(661) 258-4907

Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.,
Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Popeye's

Base Exchange Food Court

240 FitzGerald Blvd.

(661) 258-1078, extension 257

Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.,
Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

*Offers fast-food chicken meals with an
assortment of side dishes.



Robin Hood Sandwich Shoppe and Deli

Base Exchange Food Court

240 W. FitzGerald Blvd.

(661) 258-4034

Monday through Sunday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

*Offers a variety of submarine sandwiches
and salads.

Rocket Room

Air Force Research Lab

2 Pollux Dr.

(661) 275-5589

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

*Offers breakfast and lunch menus, hot
entrees, grill items and sandwiches.

Sandbagger Grill

(Located at the Muroc Lake Golf Course)

111 Crest Dr.

(661) 275-SAND

Monday and Thursday, 6:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday through
Sunday, 6:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

*Offers breakfast and lunch menus, hot
entrees, grill items, sandwiches and salads.

South Base Snack Bar

Birk Flight Test Facility

120 East Jones Rd.

(661) 275-0213

Monday through Friday, 6 a.m.-2 p.m.

*Offers a breakfast menu and daily lunch
specials, grill items and sandwiches.

Strikezone Snack Bar

(At the High Desert Lanes Bowling Center)

205 W. FitzGerald Blvd.

(661) 275-ZONE

Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. -

7 p.m., Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.,

Saturday, 2 - 10 p.m. and Sunday 2 - 7 p.m.

*Offers daily lunch specials, grill items, hot
wings, and sandwiches.

Subway

Offers a variety of sandwiches and salads at
two locations.

*Corner of Wolfe Avenue and FitzGerald Blvd.

(Inside the Cactus Café)

(661)258-7623

Monday through Friday: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*1100 Kincheloe Avenue, building 7210

(661) 258-9856

Sunday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Taco Bell

Base Exchange Food Court

240 W. FitzGerald Blvd.

(661) 258- 1078, extension 257

Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.,
Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

*Offers Mexican fast-food items.

Thai Garden

W. FitzGerald Blvd., near the Base Exchange

(661) 258-0186

Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m.- 8:30
p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m.-8:30 a.m.

Offers a variety of Thai food.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

125 Methusa Ave.

(661) 277-6071

<https://centernet.edwards.af.mil/hrd>

★Human Resources Development is the focal point for the education and training of all Department of Defense personnel at Edwards.

The HRD staff works with commanders, managers, supervisors, organizational training managers and individuals to optimize training and education opportunities. In addition, HRD provides program oversight for the Civilian Wellness Program.

Education Office

125 Methusa Ave.

(661) 277-2713

★The Education Office provides a variety of education programs offering associate through master's degrees, education guidance, counseling services, military tuition assistance and the civilian Academic Degree and Certificate Training program.

Colleges

★Six colleges have offices on base and offer classes and degree programs to the Edwards community. Graduate institutions include California State University Northridge and Webster University. Bachelor's degree institutions include Chapman University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Southern Illinois University. Cerro Coso Community College offers associate degrees and courses that transfer to both California State University and the University of California. Disciplines offered include business administration, social science, applied math,

computer science, psychology, social science, criminal justice, computer information systems, professional aeronautics, technical management, aviation maintenance management, aeronautical science, industrial technology, mechanical and electrical engineering, human resource management and computer resources and information management. Call the Education Office at 277-2713 for a brochure with extended information on schools and degrees.

Professional Military Education

★The Education Office staff works with commanders, First Sergeants and Unit Training Managers to arrange for military members and eligible civil service employees to attend the NCO Academy, Senior NCO Academy, Air and Space Basic Course, Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College and Air War College. Recruiting for on-base seminars in the latter two schools is conducted annually starting in May and June.

Training Office

125 Methusa Ave.

(661) 277-6073

★The Training Office provides services to enable Edwards military and civilian members to obtain needed engineering, scientific, technical, logistics, maintenance, managerial, supervisory and administrative training. Training Office staff assists management in assessing needs, advocate for and assists in the creation of Individual Development Plans, determine optimum delivery methods and conduct and/or administer training.



The Library and (inset) Children's Library. Photos by John Wilson

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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HELPING RESOURCES

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LODGING

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MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT

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LIBRARY AND CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Main Library

5 W. Yeager Blvd.

(661) 275-BOOK

Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.,

Friday 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Children's Library

1100 Kincheloe Ave.

(661) 275-READ

Monday through Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.,

Saturday and Sunday 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

*The base library stocks an assortment of learning materials, including books, periodicals, videotapes, cassettes and music CDs. Computers are available for literature searches, and CD ROMs, which aid in the search for periodicals and newspapers. Computers with Internet access, typewriters and a copy machine are accessible to the public for personal use at the main library. The library also offers Inter-Library Loan services for books not available locally.

*The Children's Library has books, electronic games and older periodicals available for checkout. Newer games are available, but may not be checked out of the library. The library has a children's story hour at 3 p.m. on Wednesdays for older elementary students and a story hour at 10 a.m. on Fridays for preschool age children. The Children's Library also has a summer reading program that runs from mid June to late July for children of most ages. Call the library for exact times, dates and locations.

NATURAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Civil Engineer Readiness Unit

225 Rosamond Blvd.

(661) 277-4433

Earthquakes are the primary type of natural disaster most likely to occur at Edwards. Despite being located between the first and third largest fault lines in California, the San Andreas and the Garlock respectively, the base has no historical record of ever sustaining damage due to an earthquake. Occasionally during the spring rainy season, the base may be subject to flash flooding. Both earthquakes and flash flooding give little or no warning and can compromise the well-being of the community, the ability to operate and even the structural integrity of homes and buildings. Strong winds are also common and have been known to cause local damage.

The Civil Engineer Readiness Unit suggests the following steps be taken to prepare for a major earthquake:

Develop a family plan

- Decide where your family can reunite if separated.
- Be familiar with the safe spots in each room so that you can seek protection under sturdy tables and desks or against walls. Avoid danger spots such as near windows, mirrors, hanging objects and tall, unsecured furniture.
- Know where the gas, water and electricity turnoff sites are and how to shut them off.
- Secure water heaters and appliances.
- Maintain a three-day emergency food and water supply. Create a survival kit, including a flashlight, portable battery-operated radio, extra batteries, prescription medicine, first-aid supplies, clothing and sanitation needs. A small kit should also be placed in each vehicle.
- Keep current on first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation skills.

After the earthquake

- Check yourself and those around you for injuries. Don't move seriously injured persons unless they are in immediate danger.
- Check utility leaks and broken electrical and sewage lines. Survey your house for cracks and signs of damage.
- Check water and food supplies. Remember emergency water can be found in water heaters, melted ice cubes, the toilet tank and canned vegetables.
- Use a portable radio for instructions and news reports.
- Do not drive your car unless necessary. Roads need to be clear for emergency vehicles. The secret to success in surviving a natural disaster is the ability to plan. The Civil Engineering Readiness Unit provides earthquake information to the base populace upon request.

NEWS AND INFORMATION

INFORMATION

Straight Talk Center and Rumor Control, available by calling (661) 277-3510, are managed by Public Affairs and provide the facts concerning rumors or incidents happening on base and within the Air Force.

Family Services, located inside the Family Support Center at 550 S. Bailey Ave., offers a variety of

information and literature concerning family matters, what to expect when moving to another base, transition assistance and the job search upon separating from the service.

Oasis Community Center, located at 205 Popson Ave., provides a full spectrum of brochures highlighting activities and attractions off base.

Marquees, or electronic bulletin boards, are operated by the 95th

Services Marketing Division and are located at the North, South and West gates, as well as on FitzGerald Boulevard and Forbes Avenue. The five marquees collectively provide community announcements and information in routine or emergency situations. For details on how to submit information for posting on base marquees, call (661) 277-4240.

MEDIA REFERRAL

Public Affairs Office
1 S. Rosamond Blvd.
(661) 277-4127

Members of the media should be immediately referred to Public Affairs without comment in order to ensure media receive prompt assistance and that the base speaks with one voice.



PRINT

Air Force Flight Test Center Update, a product of the Office of Public Affairs, 1 S. Rosamond Blvd., is a bi-monthly publication highlighting advances in flight test and aerospace programs as they progress and are achieved here. The Update serves a mission-minded, trade readership.

Desert Wings, a product of the Public Affairs Office, serves as the Edwards community newspaper and is delivered throughout main base and the housing areas every Friday morning at no charge. Community members may suggest news leads and submit stories and items of interest through their unit public affairs representative, by contacting the Desert Wings staff via e-mail at 95abw.pa.desertwings@edwards.af.mil or by calling (661) 277-2345. The deadline for all submissions to the Desert Wings is noon the Friday before the desired publication date.

Dryden X-Press, a product of NASA Dryden Flight Research Center, is a regular publication that serves to inform employees, media, the general public and retirees about the people and projects of Dryden.

Report to Stakeholders, a product of Edwards Environmental Management, is a monthly publication designed to inform the general public of environmental clean-up actions being taken on base.

RADIO

Reception varies widely on base and in the surrounding communities. These are some of the stations that can be heard on base.

FM

88.1	KCRY	Mojave	National Public Radio
88.9	KTLW	Lancaster	Religious-Español
93.5	KLKX	Palmdale	Classic Rock
93.9	KZLA	Los Angeles	Country
94.7	KTWV	Los Angeles	Smooth Jazz
95.5	KLOS	Los Angeles	Rock
97.7	KIIS	Lancaster	Contemporary Hits
98.7	KYSR	Burbank	Adult Contemporary
99.1	KGGI	San Bernardino	Urban Contemporary
100.3	KKBT	Los Angeles	R & B/Hip-Hop
103.1	KTPI	Palmdale	Country
104.3	KBIG	Los Angeles	Adult Contemporary
105.5	KOSS	Rosamond	Lite Rock
106.3	KGMX	Palmdale	Adult Contemporary
106.9	KCEL	California City	Variety

AM

610	KAVL	Lancaster	Sports
640	KFI	Los Angeles	Talk
710	KSPN	Los Angeles	Sports
980	KFWB	Los Angeles	News
1070	KNX	Los Angeles	News
1110	KDIS	Los Angeles	Children's (Radio Disney)
1150	KXTA	Los Angeles	Sports
1340	KAVC	Mojave	Religious
1380	KWJL	Lancaster	Standards
1470	KUTY	Palmdale	News/Talk-Español
1540	KMPC	Los Angeles	Sports

TELEVISION

Adelphia Cable

Palmdale, Calif.

(661) 265-6637

Cable outlets offer all major Los Angeles television broadcast channels as well as major cable channels. The cable system serving the base is owned and operated by Adelphia Cable in Palmdale, and offers pay TV programming, including HBO, Cinemax, The Disney Channel and Showtime. Pay-per-view programming is also available.

Channel 6 is the base Commander's Access Channel. It is included in the cable TV basic package for base residents and provides 24-hour mission-related notices, community and duty briefs, as well as video programming including Air Force TV News and local historical videos. Instructional information is also provided in emergency situations. While informational slides are showing, Channel 6 also broadcasts Edwards Headline News and Air Force Radio News.

WORLD WIDE WEB

Edwards Air Force Base public Web site is accessible to the general public via the Internet at www.edwards.af.mil.

Centernet is an Intranet accessible to only ".mil" and ".gov" users at centernet.edwards.af.mil.

Base Bulletin, a product of the Information Technology Directorate, is accessible via Centernet and features daily Air Force Flight Test Center notices, duty and community briefs, as well as classifieds.

PETS

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PHONE INFORMATION

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POSTAL SERVICES

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PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

There are many private organizations at Edwards that are self-supporting and raise funds to enhance the quality of life for many Team Edwards members. For more information, as well as a complete listing of these organizations, call 277-3433.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Adelphia Cable

Classic Cable Channel Line-up

02CBSKCBS Los Angeles
03CALAdelphia Channel
04	....NBC	....KNBC Los Angeles
05	....WB	....KTLA Los Angeles
06	....EAFB	....Commander's Access Channel (Edwards only)
07	....ABC	....KABC Los Angeles
08	....PBS	....KCET Los Angeles
09	....IND	....KCAL Los Angeles
10	....TWC	....The Weather Channel
11	....FOX	....KTTV Los Angeles
12	....QVC	....Quality, Value, Convenience Shopping
13	....UPN	....KCOP Los Angeles
14	....KHIZ	....KHIZ Barstow
15	....HSN	....Home Shopping Network
16	....TBS	....Turner Broadcasting System
17	....PBS	....KLCS Los Angeles
18	....IND	....KSCI Long Beach
19	....TBN	....KTBN Santa Ana
20	....TELE	....KVEA Corona
21	....UNIV	....KMEX Los Angeles
22	....IND	....KWHY Los Angeles
23	....IND	....KJLA Los Angeles
24	....IND	....KRCA Riverside
25	....TELE	....KFTR Ontario
26	....PAX	....KPXN San Bernardino
27	....PAL	....Palmdale City
28	....LAN	....Lancaster City
29	....IND	....KVMD San Bernardino
30	....CSPAN	....House of Representatives
31	....CSPAN2	....Senate
32	....WB	....WGN Chicago
33	....IND	....KXLA Los Angeles
34	....IND	....KAZA Los Angeles
35	....TVG	....TV Guide Channel
36	....PEG	....Leased Access
37	....CRT	....Court TV
38	....IND	....KDOC Los Angeles
39	....TLCW	....The Learning Channel
40	....CNN	....Cable News Network
41	....HLN	....Headline News
42	....FCN	....Fox News Channel
43	....DISC	....Discovery
44	....NGEO	....National Geographic
45	....CNBC	....Consumer/Business News
46	....MSNBC	....America's News Channel
47	....ESPN2	....24 Hour Sports
48	....ESPN	....24 Hour Sports
49	....FSN	....Fox Sport Net West
50	....FSN2	....Fox Sport Net 2 West
51	....SPIKE	....Spike TV
52	....SCI-FI	....Sci-Fi Channel
53	....USA	....USA Network
54	....TNT	....Turner Network Television
55	....AMC	....American Movie Classics
56	....HGTV	....Home & Garden Television
57	....A&E	....A&E
58	....LIFE	....Lifetime
59	....FOOD	....Food Network
60	....AP	....Animal Planet
61	....ABCF	....ABC Family Channel
62	....DIS	....Disney Channel
63	....NICK	....Nickelodeon
64	....TOON	....Cartoon Network
65	....MTV	....Music Television
66	....BET	....Black Entertainment Television
67	....VH1	....Video Hits One
68	....COM	....Comedy Central
69	....E!	....Entertainment Television
70	....GALA	....Galavisión
71	....BRVO	....Bravo
72	....HMRK	....Hallmark Channel
73	....TVL	....TV Land
75	....HIST	....History Channel
76	....TMC	....Turner Classic Movies
77	....FX	....FX Network
78	....CMT	....Country Music Television
96	....TRVL	....The Travel Channel

Recreation

Aero Club

South Base, Bldg. 320

(661) 275-AERO

The Aero Club offers flight and ground instruction toward earning a private pilot's license, as well as aircraft rental to all members. The club has virtually exclusive use of the South Base runway for easy access to clear blue California skies. Since all club aircraft are registered with the Air Force, they are authorized to land at nearly all U.S. military bases and can be used for temporary duty travel. The club participates in fly-ins, proficiency competitions and a variety of other aviation-related activities.

Skills Development Center

200 Methusa Rd.

(661) 275-ARTS

The Skills Development Center helps to improve and enhance hobby skills for members of the Edwards community. Arts & Crafts resale, woodworking, ceramics, pottery, instructional classes and picture framing are some of the things offered at the Skills Development Center. The staff members are happy to offer assistance and guidance with your hobbies. Annual events include the Artist-Craftsman Contest in June, photography contest in July, and the annual Car Show & Craft Fair.

Auto Skills

(661) 275-AUTO

The Auto Hobby Shop offers equipment, tools, supplies and working space for self-help maintenance and repair to automobiles and other vehicles. More than 10 stalls are available for major and minor auto repairs as well as all the standard equipment necessary for auto repair work. Long pants are required in the work area and children are not permitted access for safety reasons. Services offered at the center include brake drum and rotor turning, computerized wheel balancing and air conditioning maintenance. California smog testing and repair is also available.

FamCamp

Coliseum Drive and Lathrop Street

(661) 275-CAMP

FamCamp features 25 full hook-up slots for recreational vehicles, as well as shower and restroom facilities. Thirty-six overflow slots without hook-ups are also available. Payments for use of the camp are made at FamCamp or Outdoor Recreation.

High Desert Lanes Bowling Center

205 W. FitzGerald Blvd.

(661) 275-BOWL

High Desert Lanes Bowling Center is a 20-lane facility equipped with pin spotters with automatic scoring. Bowling programs, such as glow-in-the-dark bowling, youth leagues, daily league competition and open bowling are available. Youth birthday packages are available to include a teen package. Arrangements may also be made to hold bowling parties at the center. The Strikezone Snack Bar (275-ZONE) provides quick and convenient dining, and the pro shop offers balls, shoes and ball measuring and drilling, as well as special orders.

Information, Tickets and Travel

1100 Kincheloe Ave.

(661) 275-TRIP

Information, Tickets and Travel provides discounted tickets for cultural attractions in addition to arranging dozens of tours each year in and around southern California. Tickets for popular Los Angeles and San Diego area attractions include Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm, Sea World and Six Flags Magic Mountain. Park guides are also available as well as staff assistance in planning itineraries for exploring scenic and historic sites abundant in the Antelope Valley. Information, Tickets & Travel is also a full service Travel Agency, offering airline tickets, hotels, cruise and vacation packages and group cruises and tours at a discount throughout the year.



Photo by Thomas Powell

Muroc Lake Golf Course

111 Crest Dr.

(661) 274-PUTT

Edwards Muroc Lake Golf Course offers a championship 185-acre, 18-hole, par-72 golf course. The facility includes a pro shop with the latest equipment, a driving range, and chipping, pitching and putting practice greens. Base intramural league matches, holiday and monthly tournaments and an active men's golf association are available for interested players. The club is a part of the Southern California Golf Association, which provides handicapping service. A local handicap service is also available. The on-site Sandbagger Grill provides short-order breakfast and lunch.

N and N Travel

20 W. Popson Ave.

(661) 277-3160

N and N Travel provides arrangements for official travel only. Members traveling on official orders, in temporary duty or permanent change of station status, can arrange air, car and hotel reservations.

Oasis Aquatic and Aerobic Center

207 W. Popson Ave.
(661) 275-SWIM
(661) 275-BFIT

The Oasis pool is an indoor Olympic-size pool open throughout the year to all Edwards personnel and their families, and is staffed by qualified lifeguards at all times. Admission is free to all pools; there is a charge for instructional classes. The center offers American Red Cross lifeguard classes, water safety instruction, swimming lessons for all levels, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid, as well as water aerobics classes. The base has two outdoor pools open seasonally: the Club Muroc pool, located at 275 Manzanita Way, open Memorial Day through Labor Day; and the Sonic Splash pool, located at 24 Lathrop Dr., also open Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Free aerobics classes are offered to all Edwards personnel Monday through Saturday. Classes include Cardio Kick Box, Step Aerobics, Total Body Conditioning, Yoga, Pilates, and Spinning®. A new schedule is provided monthly.

Oasis Community Center

205 W. Popson Ave.
(661) 275-CNTR

The Oasis Community Center features a variety of leisure-time activities and programs for the base community. The facility offers a game room with pool and ping-pong tables, foosball and video games; lounge areas and separate conference rooms that have the latest audio and video capabilities and computer access; and Stripes Lounge has a state-of-the-art music and video entertainment system. The center sponsors tournaments, talent shows and educational classes.

Outdoor Recreation

1100 Kincheloe
(661) 275-CAMP

Outdoor Recreation offers a variety of information and outings for those looking for excitement outdoors. Programming includes anything from ocean to mountain, from sea kayaking and white water rafting to rock climbing and snow skiing. Custom trips such as backwoods nature hikes are also available.



Photo by Thomas Powell

Parks

Arnold Park, located at the end of Coliseum Drive, features playground equipment, covered picnic areas, a stage and restrooms. The park often hosts community gatherings in the spring and summer months and is available for rent through Outdoor Recreation.

Branch Memorial Park, located near South Base off Lancaster Boulevard, features picnic areas, as well as Branch Pond. Branch Pond is open for fishing to individuals with valid base fishing licenses. The park is available for rental through Outdoor Recreation at 275-CAMP.

Riding stables

See "Stables" on page 31.
(Newcomers section)

Rod and Gun Activity

210 Adams Way
(661) 275-TRAP

The Rod and Gun Activity, located adjacent to the small arms range south of Rosamond Boulevard, offers outdoor sporting fun including archery, trap, skeet and sporting clays, rifle, pistol and paintball. Competitive shooting and social events are held regularly and the facility can be reserved for group functions such as paintball tournaments. Base hunting and fishing licenses can be purchased year round.

Skate Park

Coliseum Drive (near Wings Field)
(661) 275-CAMP

Open to youth and adults the skate park offers facilities for skateboard and roller skate use only. The rules are posted at the park and hours vary depending on the season. All park users are required to wear appropriate safety gear.

Tony Hawk does a hand plant on the half-pipe while the crowd cheers him on and takes pictures of the moment. Mr. Hawk has been credited as being the Michael Jordan of his sport.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Mark Woodbury

Skills Development Center Crafts

200 Methusa Rd.
(661) 275-ARTS

The Skills Development Center offers a wide variety of programs, assistance and equipment in ceramics, framing, woodworking, and other arts, crafts and hobbies for all interests and skill levels. Instructional books, kits and supplies are available, as well as classes on cake decorating, cross-stitch, quilting, stained glass, flower arranging and toll painting. Custom services such as plaque and trophy engraving; T-shirt and cap designs are also available.

Stripes Lounge

205 W. Popson Ave.
(661) 275-CLUB

Stripes Lounge, located within the Oasis Community Center, offers evening and late night entertainment, dancing and socializing. The lounge is wired with a state-of-the-art audio and video entertainment system. Karaoke and dance contests, pool tournaments, movie nights and Football Frenzy are held in Stripes Lounge. It is also the location for performances and events such as the Talent Extravaganza and the annual base-wide holiday party.



SHOPPING & SERVICES

Air Force Flight Test Center Museum Gift Shop

See "Air Force Flight Test
Center Museum," page 36.



Photo by Thomas Powell

Banking

Armed Forces Bank

Base Exchange,
240 W. FitzGerald Blvd.
(661) 258-0183

*Armed Forces Bank specializes in military banking and has served active duty, retirees and civilians since 1907. Customers can bank worldwide by phone, Internet, mail and ATM. In addition, the bank has a 24-hour account information line and a call center with representatives available 24 hours a day to assist customers. Services offered include free checking, classic checking, interest-bearing checking, savings accounts, loans and certificates of deposit.

Edwards Federal Credit Union

10 South Muroc Dr.
(661) 258-4407
44288 N. 10th St. West
Lancaster, Calif.
(661) 945-6626
(877) 256-3300 Toll-Free
www.edwardsfcu.org

*Edwards Federal Credit Union offers members a full range of financial services including share draft (checking) accounts, competitive savings plans, audio response services, online banking and bill pay services, Visa Credit Cards, low rate loans for mortgages, automobiles, mobile homes, recreational vehicles, emergencies, household furniture and more. Membership at Edwards FCU is open to all who live, work, worship or attend school in the Antelope Valley Community. For more information, visit the Edwards FCU Website at www.edwardsfcu.org.

ATMs

*Edwards FCU provides ATM access to members via the Armed Forces Financial Network, CO-OP Network, and Star, Visa, Plus, Discover and American Express networks. Four of the Credit Union's ten ATMs are located on base: at the Edwards Main Office, 10 South Muroc Drive, in the Commissary parking lot at 390 W. FitzGerald Blvd., in the Family Fitness Center, Building 7210 and at the Main Lodging Office-602 Honts, Building 5602, just off Manzanita Way

Barbershops

Troop Store

20 W. Popson Ave.
(661) 277-4297
Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
Saturday-Sunday closed.

Base Exchange

240 W. FitzGerald Blvd.
(661) 277-2946
Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
Saturday-Sunday closed.
*The barbershops are operated by
the Army and Air Force Exchange.

Base Exchange

240 W. FitzGerald Blvd.
(661) 258-1078
Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
*The 73,000-square-foot Base Exchange complex is conveniently located near the family housing area. Departments include clothing for men, women and children, as well as cosmetics and toiletries, office and stationery supplies, shoes, luggage, jewelry, giftware, housewares, electronics, hardware and appliances. The complex also contains military clothing sales, the Armed Forces Bank, a food court, beauty and barbershops, a same-day optical shop, a florist and a General Nutritional Center. For food court information, see "Dining," pages 38-39.



Photo by Thomas Powell

Beauty shop

Base Exchange
240 W. FitzGerald Blvd.
661) 258-5371
Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.,
Saturday 9 a.m.-4 p.m.,
closed on Sunday.
*The Beauty Shop offers men,
women and children hair-cutting and
styling services. A variety of hair care
products are also available.

Car Care Center and Gas Station

Lancaster and FitzGerald Boulevards
(661) 258-5091
Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m.-
6:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 8
a.m.-4 p.m.
*The Car Care Center and Gas
Station are centrally located between
main base and the housing areas.
The center offers retail and
automotive services and gasoline
service islands that operate 24 hours
a day with use of credit cards. Cash
and checks can also be used during
manned operating hours.

Class Six

1100 Kincheloe Ave.
(661) 258-0709

Monday through Friday 6 a.m.-12:30 a.m., Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m.-12:30 a.m.

*Class Six, located in the Shoppette, offers a variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages for sale. Alcoholic beverages will only be sold to those of legal drinking age.

GNC

Base Exchange
240 W. FitzGerald Blvd.
(661) 258-1923

Monday through Saturday 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

*GNC, or the General Nutrition Center, features a large variety of dietary supplements.

Optical Shop

Base Exchange
240 W. FitzGerald Blvd.
(661) 258-4541

Monday through Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., closed Sunday.

*The optical shop fills prescription glasses and contact lens orders, and custom fits frames for existing lenses. Sunglasses and eyewear accessories are also available.

Shoppette

1100 Kincheloe Ave. (661) 258-0709
Monday through Friday 6 a.m.-12:30 a.m., Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m.-12:30 a.m.

*Located at the center of the family housing area, the Shoppette offers a movie rental section and convenience shopping with extended hours.

Thrift Store

1320 Payne Ave.
(661) 277-4294

Wednesday and Friday 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

*The volunteer-operated and managed Thrift Store allows community members to purchase and consign for items such as clothing, housewares, furniture and electronics.

Troop Store

20 W. Popson Ave.
(661) 258-4797

Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

*Located within walking distance of base dormitories, the Troop Store offers a limited video rental section and convenience shopping for basic food items and toiletries

Commissary

312 W. FitzGerald Blvd.
(661) 277-4589

Monday noon-6 p.m., Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

*Located next to the Base Exchange, the Commissary offers all the conveniences of a mid-sized modern supermarket. The Commissary is open seven days a week and closed on federal holidays.

Dry Cleaners

Carousel Cleaners

7211 Kincheloe Ave.
(661) 258-4606

Open Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and closed on Sunday.

Flower Shop

Base Exchange
240 W. FitzGerald Blvd.
(661) 258-5084

Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-3 p.m., closed Sunday.

*The Flower Shop offers a variety of flower and balloon arrangements and bouquets, and delivery to almost anywhere in the United States.

Laundromat

1320 Payne Ave.
Daily 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

Coin-operated, large washers and dryers are available for use.

Military Clothing Sales

Base Exchange
240 W. FitzGerald Blvd.
(661) 277-8136

Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m., closed on Sunday.

*Military Clothing Sales carries a full line of Air Force uniforms and miscellaneous items for Army and Marine service members.

Muroc Lake Golf Course Pro Shop

111 Crest Dr.
(661) 275-PUTT
Opens at 6:30 a.m. during summer months and 7 a.m. during winter months, closes at sunset.

*The Muroc Lake Golf Club offers a well-stocked pro shop with the latest golf merchandise and sport clothing.



Photo by Thomas Powell



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SONIC BOOMS

* A distinguishing characteristic of Edwards is the large “booms” first heard here in 1947. Those booms are known as sonic booms. A sonic boom sounds similar to thunder and is caused by an object moving faster than sound; about 750 mph at sea level. An aircraft traveling through the atmosphere continuously produces air pressure waves similar to the water waves produced by a ship’s bow. When an aircraft exceeds the speed of sound, these pressure waves combine and form shock waves, which travel forward from the generation or “release” point.

As an aircraft flies at supersonic speeds, it is continually generating shock waves, dropping sonic booms along its flight path, similar to someone dropping objects from a moving vehicle. The sound heard on the ground as a sonic boom is the sudden onset and release of pressure after the build-up by the shock wave or “peak overpressure.” Duration of a sonic boom is brief and is less than a second — 100 milliseconds—for most fighter-sized aircraft.

F/A-22 Raptor 4001 flies over the Compass Rose at the Rodgers Dry Lakebed here. Advanced avionics technologies will allow F/A-22 sensors to gather, integrate and display essential data in the most useful format for future pilots. U.S. Air Force photo by Judson Brohmer



SPORTS AND FITNESS

Fitness and Sports Center

210 W. Popson Ave.

(661) 275-GYM1

Monday through Friday 5 a.m. - 11 p.m.,

Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Family Fitness Center

1100 Kincheloe Ave.

(661) 275-GYM2

Monday through Friday 4:30 a.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

*The Fitness and Sports Center features the latest in equipment and facilities for one-stop training including free weights and cardio and Hammer Strength equipment, as well as personal trainers. The facility features saunas in the men’s and women’s locker rooms, three racquetball courts, an outside track, jogging and biking trails, as well as a number of mountain bikes for check-out at no cost. The service counter provides racquet restringing and a towel service. Massage therapy is also available for a fee by appointment only. The Family Fitness Center, centrally located in the housing area, offers lifecycles, treadmills, free weights and Cybex equipment for convenient workouts.

Health and Wellness Center

208 W. Popson Ave.

(661) 275-HAWC

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.,

Tuesday and Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Closed Saturday and Sunday

*The Health and Wellness Center offers numerous programs aimed at preventative health and wellness such as; cholesterol screening, nutritional and behavioral education, smoking cessation classes, exercise prescription classes, prenatal nutrition and exercise classes, cancer prevention classes, and cooking demonstrations/food label interpretation. HAWC services are free for active duty, dependents, DoD civilians, and contractors. For more information, call 275-HAWC.

THEATER

Corner of Yeager Boulevard and South Muroc Drive
(661) 275-SHOW

★ The 932-seat motion picture theater provides Edwards' military personnel and their families mainstream movies slightly delayed from initial release at an affordable rate for the whole family. Evening features start at 7 p.m. Check the movie schedule that is printed each week in the base newspaper, The Desert Wings, or call the theater to hear a pre-recorded movie schedule. The theater may also be used for large community gatherings and commander's calls.

WEATHER

See page 33.



Youths enjoy a video game at the Teen Center. Photo by Thomas Powell

YOUTH

Youth Activities Center

24 Lathrop Dr.

(661) 275-KIDS

★ The Youth Activities Center is the focal point for all youth activities at Edwards. A wide range of supervised and organized activities is available to youth ages 5-18. The center offers an array of youth, pre-teen and teen programs including dances, holiday and family events, picnics and trips. Professional instruction is available through the center for ballet, tap, gymnastics and karate. The center relies on both youth and parents to take an active role in shaping programs.

School-age care is available for children ages 5-12 before and after school. The youth center provides transportation to and from the schools for this program.

Youth Sports

★ The Youth Sports Program is facilitated through the Youth Activities Center and offers children a chance to compete, gaining instruction and confidence in a number of sports including flag football, basketball, baseball, softball and soccer.

Teen Center

1320 Payne St.

(661) 275-TEEN

Monday through Thursday 3 p.m. - 6 p.m., Friday 5 p.m. - 10 p.m., Saturday 6 p.m. - 11 p.m., closed on Sunday.

★ The Teen Center is designed to give teens a place to go to after school and on the weekends. The center features pool tables, foosball tables, Internet access, a Dance Revolution machine, video games, study areas and a meeting room. The Teen Program arranges activities such as paintball, glow-in-the-dark-bowling and social awareness education.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts

★ Current points of contact for scouting organizations may be obtained by calling (661) 277-3433. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts troops on base promote character, social and skill development; citizenship training; sportsmanship; physical and mental fitness and pride in a growing mind and body for boys and girls in first through 12th grade.



A member of the Girl Scouts carries the U.S. flag.

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